

Mr. Mahon. The committee will come to order.

Mr. Dulles, we are pleased to have you before the committee today.

Heretofore you have appeared before another Subcommittee on Appropriations to justify your annual budget. Most of the members of the other subcommittee are also members of this subcommittee.

As I understand it, Mr. Cannon, the Chairman of the Committee on Appropriations, expects to follow that same procedure this year. We have not met here today to examine your budget, your monetary operations, in any way. That will be handled by the chairman of the full Committee on Appropriations in the way he desires. You are here to talk to us about the international situation, and we want you to give us the fullest picture you can of this situation.

Now, I do want to caution the members of this committee, and I include myself, that while you will give much information that has already been printed, or hereafter will be printed, we want you to feel that nothing you say in this room will be quoted by any member of this committee indirectly or directly at any time. If we want to use this information and if we get it from other sources -- from the military forces, and so forth -- that is another matter. We want you to be perfectly secure in your feeling; otherwise, we know that you cannot give us a very good picture.

Mr. Dulles I will be glad to proceed accordingly.

Mr. Mahon. What sort of procedure did you expect to follow?

Mr. Dulles. I can suit the wishes of the committee. I have a statement here which is fairly long. I can give it all in total, or in part, or I can submit to questions.

I thought it might be best to just go over this statement very briefly. I can skip ~~it~~ there are points you feel they are not necessary to cover and then have questions afterwards.

I am subject to the views of the committee.

Mr. Mahon I think, if I may have the support of the committee, that we would best listen to your statement and then we will interrogate you somewhat.

You may proceed.